in the functions connected with the Self-Respect Conference recently held at Chingleput; and

(b) what was their object in doing so?

A.—(a) No; only the Ministers attended the Conference which was opened by the First Minister.

(b) To show their sympathy with the objects of the Conference.

Mr. C V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the Third Minister attended the Self-Respect Conference?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The answer says so."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI.—"May I know if the hon. the Third Minister sympathizes with those objects which consist in destroying our holy temples, the Ithihasas and Puranas, etc.?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I shall ask the hon. Member to put the question to the Minister." (Laughter.)

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know if the hon. Member is aware that this Conference was political in its nature?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why the Indian Members of Government attended the Conference when it was a political conference?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The answer is in order to show their sympathies."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I know whether the Government is aware that one of the chief tenets of this Self-Respect Society is that they should rebel against God and man, Heaven and Hell?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not know." (Laughter.)

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know whether the Indian Members of the Executive Council—the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member—attended the functions held at the same time and place as the Conference?" 11-30 a.m.

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"That is a question which I must ask the hon. Member to address the hon. Members concerned."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the Ministers consulted the hon. the Revenue Member before they attended this Conference?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir."

Irrigation

Proposed abolition of the office of Collector for Mettur Project.

* 1978 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether final decisions have been arrived at and if so, to what effect regarding (1) the question of dispensing with the necessity of having a separate Collector for Mettur; and (2) the distribution of water from the Mettur dam to the Coimbatore and Salem districts?

[27th March 1929

A.—(1) A copy of G.O. No. 377, Revenue, dated 22nd February 1929,[a] which deals with this question, is placed on the Council Table.

(2) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 1450 at the meeting of the 25th February 1929.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if the matter has been considered after 25th February 1929 ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Which matter, Sir ? "

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" The matter of the necessity for having a separate Collector for Mettur."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The position as stated in the Government Order remains unchanged."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Has the matter not been considered after the issue of the Government Order ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There has been no change since then."

Land Revenue

Cutting of trees in public punthas and other communal lands.

*1979 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any Government Orders to the effect that trees in public punthas and other communal lands should not be allowed to be cut and used by the zamindars ?

A.—No new orders have been issued to the effect stated. But where it has been the local practice to bring certain trees on such lands to account in the village accounts the Government ordered that the practice should not be discontinued.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether all the footpaths belong to the Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I should not like to subscribe to so general a proposition, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether the footpaths that were in existence before permanent settlement of these zamindaris come under this category ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Generally speaking, the answer to questions of that nature is in the affirmative. But I would not say that there would not be circumstances that would call for a different answer."

Proposed transfer of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office from Palladam to Tiruppur.

*1980 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to remove the Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office from Palladam to Tiruppur in the Coimbatore district and if so, who has made the proposal and for what reasons ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 1043 infra.